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DAIRY PRODUCTS

United States' butter production was 117 million pounds in April, 2.3 percent above April 1999 but 4.5 percent below March 2000. Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 685 million pounds, 2.3 percent above April 1999 but 4.5 percent below March 2000.

American type cheese production totaled 309 million pounds, 2.3 percent below April 1999 and 3.4 percent below March 2000. Cream cottage cheese production was 28.5 million pounds, 8.6 percent below April 1999 and 9.0 percent below March 2000. Lowfat cottage cheese production was 28.8 million pounds, 3.0 percent below April 1999 and 10.8 percent below March 2000.

Frozen desserts (comparisons with April 1999): ice cream (hard) - 78.7 million gallons, up 1.6 percent; ice cream (lowfat) - 33.2 million gallons, down 7.0 percent; ice cream (nonfat) - 3.14 million gallons, up 12.9 percent; sherbet (hard) - 4.65 million gallons, down 1.1 percent.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in **Pennsylvania** during May 2000 totaled 993 million pounds, up less than 1 percent from last year's production. The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 615,000 head,

unchanged from April and unchanged from May 1999. Production per cow averaged 1,615 pounds in May, 25 pounds more than April and 10 pounds more than in May 1999.

Milk production in the **20 states surveyed** during May 2000 totaled 12.8 billion pounds, 2.6 percent more than production during May 1999. April revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds was up 3.3 percent from April 1999. The number of milk cows averaged 7.8 million head, up 63,000 from May 1999, and 9,000 head more than April 2000. Production per cow averaged 1,638 pounds for May, 28 pounds above May of last year.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Products	Apr 1999	Mar 2000	Apr 2000
000 Lbs.			
PENNSYLVANIA			
Butter	8,842	11,068	11,791
Ice Cream	3,715	4,362	3,402
UNITED STATES			
Butter	114,321	122,472	116,917
Cheese:			
American Types	316,483	320,203	309,303
Swiss	18,837	18,326	16,336
Brick and Muenster	7,260	6,914	7,150
Cream and Neufchatel	46,660	61,048	49,952
Mozzarella	209,947	227,236	223,251
Other Italian	48,660	59,969	56,436
Total Italian Types	258,607	287,205	279,687
All Other	14,701	15,881	15,303
Total	669,670	717,926	685,357
Cottage Cheese, Curd	39,465	39,871	43,374
Cottage Cheese, Cream	31,182	31,317	28,496
Cottage Cheese, Lowfat	29,694	32,273	28,796
NF Dry Milk, Human	133,388	139,539	146,797
000 Gal.			
FROZEN PRODUCTS:			
Ice Cream, Hard	77,447	81,075	78,668
Ice Cream, Lowfat	35,727	34,730	33,232
Ice Cream, Nonfat	2,779	3,165	3,138
Sherbet	4,702	4,591	4,651
MIX FOR PRODUCTS:			
Ice Cream Mix	44,763	46,080	45,087
Ice Cream Mix, Lowfat	19,800	19,316	18,481
Ice Cream Mix, Nonfat	1,720	1,879	1,879
Sherbet Mix	3,672	3,320	3,364

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			20 States		
		May 1999	Apr 2000	May 2000	May 1999	Apr 2000	May 2000
Milk Cows	Thous.	615	615	615	7,733	7,787	7,796
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,605	1,590	1,615	1,610	1,592	1,638
Milk Production	Mil. Lbs.	987	978	993	12,447	12,399	12,771

Pennsylvania: Winter Wheat - Acreage, Yield, Production & Value, 1999

County & District	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Value of Production
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Crawford	1,200	1,100	48.0	52,800	132,000
Erie	2,200	2,000	53.0	106,000	265,000
Forest	-	-	-	-	-
Mercer	3,600	3,500	49.0	171,500	428,800
Venango	-	-	-	-	-
Warren	-	-	-	-	-
Other Counties	500	400	39.3	15,700	39,300
Northwestern, Total	7,500	7,000	49.4	346,000	865,100
Bradford	-	-	-	-	-
Cameron	-	-	-	-	-
Clinton	1,000	800	58.0	46,400	116,000
Elk	-	-	-	-	-
Lycoming	1,900	1,700	48.0	81,600	204,000
McKean	-	-	-	-	-
Potter	600	500	50.0	25,000	62,500
Sullivan	-	-	-	-	-
Tioga	-	-	-	-	-
North Central, Total	3,500	3,000	51.0	153,000	382,500
Lackawanna	800	800	52.0	41,600	104,000
Susquehanna	-	-	-	-	-
Wayne	-	-	-	-	-
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-
Other Counties	700	700	49.9	34,900	87,300
Northeastern, Total	1,500	1,500	51.0	76,500	191,300
Armstrong	1,700	1,600	49.0	78,400	196,000
Beaver	1,000	800	47.0	37,600	94,000
Butler	2,200	2,000	48.0	96,000	240,000
Clarion	-	-	-	-	-
Indiana	1,700	1,500	54.0	81,000	202,500
Jefferson	-	-	-	-	-
Lawrence	3,000	2,800	52.0	145,600	364,000
Other Counties	900	800	43.0	34,400	86,000
West Central, Total	10,500	9,500	49.8	473,000	1,182,500
Blair	-	-	-	-	-
Cambria	2,900	2,800	48.0	134,400	336,000
Centre	3,900	3,800	53.0	201,400	503,500
Clearfield	-	-	-	-	-
Columbia	4,200	4,200	55.0	231,000	577,500
Dauphin	5,700	5,700	48.0	273,600	684,000
Huntingdon	1,300	1,200	46.0	55,200	138,000
Juniata	2,100	2,100	45.0	94,500	236,300
Mifflin	1,800	1,800	56.0	100,800	252,000
Montour	1,600	1,500	47.0	70,500	176,300
Northumberland	6,100	6,100	56.0	341,600	853,800
Perry	4,200	4,200	44.0	184,800	462,000
Snyder	3,100	3,100	48.0	148,800	372,000
Union	2,300	2,300	49.0	112,700	281,800
Other Counties	800	700	45.3	31,700	79,300
Central, Total	40,000	39,500	50.2	1,981,000	4,952,500
Carbon	600	600	55.0	33,000	82,500
Lehigh	9,100	8,900	58.0	516,200	1,290,500
Luzerne	1,400	1,300	58.0	75,400	188,500
Monroe	700	700	48.0	33,600	84,000
Northampton	6,000	5,900	58.0	342,200	855,500
Pike	-	-	-	-	-
Schuylkill	5,200	5,100	58.0	295,600	739,000
East Central, Total	23,000	22,500	57.6	1,296,000	3,240,000
Allegheny	600	500	41.0	20,500	51,300
Fayette	1,100	1,000	45.0	45,000	112,500
Greene	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset	-	-	-	-	-
Washington	1,000	900	43.0	38,700	96,800
Westmoreland	2,900	2,700	48.0	129,600	324,000
Other Counties	400	400	48.0	19,200	48,000
Southwestern, Total	6,000	5,500	46.0	253,000	632,600
Adams	14,000	13,500	49.0	661,500	1,653,800
Bedford	1,600	1,500	55.0	82,500	206,300
Cumberland	7,200	7,100	53.0	376,300	940,800
Franklin	11,300	11,100	55.0	610,500	1,526,300
Fulton	2,300	2,300	49.0	112,700	281,800
York	23,600	23,500	55.0	1,292,500	3,231,000
South Central, Total	60,000	59,000	53.2	3,136,000	7,840,000
Berks	11,900	11,800	61.0	719,800	1,799,500
Bucks	4,200	4,100	58.0	237,800	594,500
Chester	7,500	7,400	58.0	429,200	1,073,000
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-
Lancaster	12,400	12,300	62.0	762,600	1,906,200
Lebanon	4,800	4,700	59.0	277,300	693,300
Montgomery	2,200	2,200	54.0	118,800	297,000
Philadelphia	-	-	-	-	-
Southeastern, Total	43,000	42,500	59.9	2,545,500	6,363,500
Pennsylvania	195,000	190,000	54.0	10,260,000	25,650,000

Pennsylvania: Barley - Acreage, Yield, Production & Value, 1999

County & District	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Value of Production
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Crawford	-	-	-	-	-
Erie	-	-	-	-	-
Forest	-	-	-	-	-
Mercer	-	-	-	-	-
Venango	-	-	-	-	-
Warren	-	-	-	-	-
Other Counties	1,500	1,300	55.0	71,500	100,100
Northwestern, Total	1,500	1,300	55.0	71,500	100,100
Bradford	-	-	-	-	-
Cameron	-	-	-	-	-
Clinton	-	-	-	-	-
Elk	-	-	-	-	-
Lycoming	-	-	-	-	-
McKean	-	-	-	-	-
Potter	-	-	-	-	-
Sullivan	-	-	-	-	-
Tioga	-	-	-	-	-
Other Counties	2,000	1,700	62.0	105,400	147,600
North Central, Total	2,000	1,700	62.0	105,400	147,600
Lackawanna	-	-	-	-	-
Susquehanna	-	-	-	-	-
Wayne	-	-	-	-	-
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-
Other Counties	-	-	-	-	-
Northeastern, Total	-	-	-	-	-
Armstrong	900	800	60.0	48,000	67,200
Beaver	-	-	-	-	-
Butler	900	900	57.0	51,300	71,800
Clarion	700	700	53.0	37,100	51,900
Indiana	1,800	1,600	54.0	86,400	121,000
Jefferson	500	500	57.0	28,500	39,900
Lawrence	-	-	-	-	-
Other Counties	700	700	64.6	45,200	63,300
West Central, Total	5,500	5,200	57.0	296,500	415,100
Blair	1,100	1,000	74.0	74,000	103,600
Cambria	1,200	1,100	69.0	75,900	106,300
Centre	800	700	71.0	49,700	69,600
Clearfield	-	-	-	-	-
Columbia	600	600	56.0	33,600	47,000
Dauphin	1,200	1,200	68.0	81,600	114,200
Huntingdon	-	-	-	-	-
Juniata	1,300	1,200	64.0	76,800	107,500
Mifflin	-	-	-	-	-
Montour	-	-	-	-	-
Northumberland	2,300	2,300	73.0	167,900	235,100
Perry	1,800	1,700	72.0	122,400	171,400
Snyder	800	800	67.0	53,600	75,000
Union	600	600	68.0	40,800	57,100
Other Counties	800	800	64.6	51,700	72,400
Central, Total	12,500	12,000	69.0	828,000	1,159,200
Carbon	-	-	-	-	-
Lehigh	1,200	1,200	71.0	85,200	119,300
Luzerne	-	-	-	-	-
Monroe	-	-	-	-	-
Northampton	600	600	79.0	47,400	66,400
Pike	-	-	-	-	-
Schuylkill	1,000	900	81.0	72,900	102,100
Other Counties	200	200	75.0	15,000	20,900
East Central, Total	3,000	2,900	76.0	220,500	308,700
Allegheny	-	-	-	-	-
Fayette	-	-	-	-	-
Greene	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset	4,200	4,100	57.0	233,700	327,200
Washington	-	-	-	-	-
Westmoreland	600	600	66.0	39,600	55,400
Other Counties	700	700	64.7	45,300	63,400
Southwestern, Total	5,500	5,400	59.0	318,600	446,000
Adams	2,700	2,600	75.0	195,000	273,000
Bedford	1,700	1,500	65.0	97,500	136,500
Cumberland	4,200	4,000	71.0	284,000	397,600
Franklin	7,700	7,400	76.0	562,500	787,500
Fulton	1,200	1,200	63.0	75,600	105,800
York	5,500	5,300	78.0	413,400	578,800
Other Counties	-	-	-	-	-
South Central, Total	23,000	22,000	74.0	1,628,000	2,279,200
Berks	4,300	4,000	70.0	280,000	392,000
Bucks	-	-	-	-	-
Chester	3,100	2,900	81.0	234,900	328,900
Delaware	-	0	-	-	-
Lancaster	10,900	9,000	79.0	711,000	995,400
Lebanon	3,500	3,400	77.0	261,800	366,500
Montgomery	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	-	-	-	-	-
Other Counties	200	200	69.0	13,800	19,300
Southeastern, Total	22,000	19,500	77.0	1,501,500	2,102,100
Pennsylvania	75,000	70,000	71.0	4,970,000	6,958,000

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Apr 1999	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	Apr 1999	Mar 2000	Apr 2000
Young Chickens . .	Thous. Hd.	9,104	9,754	7,994	686,932	730,263	631,861
	Thous. Lbs.	48,248	51,644	42,206	3,442,724	3,644,607	3,160,434
Mature Chickens .	Thous. Hd.	-	-	-	15,666	15,709	13,351
	Thous. Lbs.	-	-	-	79,358	81,749	68,442
Young Turkeys . . .	Thous. Hd.	¹	¹	¹	21,775	22,443	19,744
	Thous. Lbs.	¹	¹	¹	552,727	592,797	518,740

¹ Figures are not available due to disclosure of individual operations.

MAPLE SYRUP

Pennsylvania's 2000 maple syrup production is estimated at 47,000 gallons, down 30 percent from last year's production of 67,000 gallons. The value of the syrup produced is estimated at \$1.20 million.

The 2000 U.S. maple syrup production totaled 1.23 million gallons, up 4 percent from last year's production of 1.19 million gallons. The preliminary value of production, at \$33.3 million, is up 2 percent from 1999. The increase in value of production was due to higher production which more than offset a slightly lower average price.

Vermont led all states in production, with 460,000 gallons, an increase of 24 percent from last season. Maine was second with 250,000 gallons, up 28 percent from last year. New York's production, at 210,000 gallons, increased 8 percent from 1999. New Hampshire produced 75,000 gallons, up 23 percent from last year.

Maple syrup production in all other producing States was down. In the Northeast, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania production was down 46 percent, 11 percent, and 30 percent, respectively. Production was also down in Michigan by 40 percent, Ohio by 64 percent, and Wisconsin by 13 percent. Michigan and Ohio experienced the lowest levels of production on record.

Overall, number of taps was up about 1 percent. Notable exceptions are Ohio and Wisconsin where producers did not set as many taps because of the unusually warm weather conditions.

Temperatures were generally favorable for good sap flow and syrup production in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. In all other producing States temperatures were unfavorable. Warmer than usual temperatures affected most States by shortening the length of the season. Overall, the season lasted an average of 27 days. This compares to 31 days in 1999. Season length ranged from 20 days in Ohio to 30 days in Maine.

Sugar content of the sap was below average, requiring approximately 46 gallons of sap to produce a gallon of syrup. This is in contrast with 43 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of syrup in 1999. Most syrup was medium and dark amber colored, with very little light syrup produced.

WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION

Winter wheat production in Pennsylvania is forecast at 10.53 million bushels, up 2.6 percent from last year's production of 10.26 million bushels. Farmers expect to harvest 195,000 acres with an average yield of 54 bushels per acre.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.62 billion bushels, down 2 percent from May 1, but down 5 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of June 1, the U.S. yield is forecast at 46.7 bushels per acre. This is down 0.8 bushel from the last forecast. Producers expect to harvest 34.7 million acres, down from 35.6 million acres a year ago.

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